

CELEBRATIONS

In 1897 proposals to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, included a Parochial Tea and Sports, planting a tree on the village green and the establishment of a Money Order Office and Telegraph Station.

In 1902 it was decided to use the balance of the Poor House Fund to celebrate the Coronation of King Edward VII

In 1911 a Public Meeting was called to decide how to celebrate the Coronation of King George V. Was it to be out of rates or by subscription? It was decided in May and proposed that the Parish Council be allowed to spend 1d rate to give all the men a dinner and the women and children a tea and sports. Not to cost more than 1d rate of £34.5.4½d. In July Mr Calvert was paid £34.5.0d for Coronation expenses. *the Pub*

PINFOLD AND READING ROOM

In September 1897 it was reported that the Pinfold was useless and unsightly and steps were taken to ask Escrick Rural District Council for their consent and advice for its disposal.

In 1899 it was stated that the Village Pound (Pinfold) was in poor repair and not needed so on April 19th a Public Meeting was called, open to all residents over 18, to ascertain the feelings of Parishioners regarding building a Reading Room on the site. This must have been in favour, but a letter from Whitehall states that the Parish Council could only build a Reading Room under the Public Libraries Act. Nothing more was done until 1906 when a subscription list was opened which raised £83.8.4½ and the Parish Council added the product of a 1d rate of £34.5.4½ d. The Reading Room was then built with the addition in 1908 of a urinal to be built by George Fairburn for £6.16.0d.

POST OFFICE

As part of the celebration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee it was proposed that the Post Office should be asked to establish a Money Order Office and Telegraph Station. The Post Office terms were that the Parish Council become guarantors to half the deficiency (if any), but not to exceed £2.10.0d for at least two years. In 1900 a further request was made to the Post Master General asking for a Telegraph Office as the Parish Council were of the opinion that such an office would be a boon to inhabitants. But in 1903 the Parish Council deferred discussion on this. This then went into abeyance until 1911 when it was proposed that a Telephone Office be established, again nothing happened, but in 1914 the Parish Council opposed the (Mr. Hughes) wanting to close the Post Office at 6.30pm as too early but would not object to 7pm instead of 8.00pm. Naburn had to wait until 1924 before getting a public telephone.